

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Title : BONE FIXATION SYSTEM AND METHOD OF IMPLANTATION

**Mail Stop AF**

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AMENDMENT IN REPLY TO ACTION OF DECEMBER 1, 2006

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the claims** to the claims begin on page 2.

**Remarks** begin on page 8.

*Entry not recommended*  
*entry not approved.*